

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 will remain pending in the application. Claim 3 has been canceled; and Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 have been amended. The amended Claim 1 is supported by canceled Claim 3. These changes do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of July 22, 2009, the Examiner set forth a number of grounds for rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Specifically, the Examiner states that Claim 10 is vague and indefinite in the recitation of “other channels being charged with the same medium.” Claim 10 has been amended to address the Examiner’s concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments obviate the grounds for the rejections. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Lee et al. (herein after “Lee”) (WO 96/40212) for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

For the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended dependent Claim 1 to recite “8 to 12% by volume fetal calf serum . . .” As admitted by the Examiner, Lee does not disclose the limitation of 8 to 12% by volume fetal calf serum. Therefore, Claim 1 is patentable over Lee. Claim 2 is patentable over Lee since it depends from Claim 1 and recites additional limitation.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that these grounds of rejections have been obviated, and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 3-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form inclusive of all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 3. Claims 2, 4-8 and 10 depend directly or indirectly to Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 are allowable.

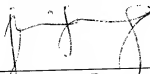
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' counsel, Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328), at 202.842.0217.

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